



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: BEAVER CREEK HATCHERY ELOCHOMAN INTAKE
MAINTENANCE

Description of Proposal:

This project consists of restoring water flow to an existing water intake and fish ladder structure located on the Elochoman River that serves the Beaver Creek Hatchery. Over time the river has migrated away from this structure, most likely the result of flood deposited trees becoming grounded in this immediate vicinity. Sediment has also accumulated around this large woody debris resulting in a greatly constricted channel above the intake.

In 2011 a small amount of sediment was removed directly in front of the intake to restore partial function to the fish ladder, but did not address the bigger problem of channel migration. To correct this problem, WDFW proposes to reposition 7 trees lodged in the stream channel to an in-stream location on the far side of the river. WDFW also proposes to restore the function of this intake and fish ladder by removing accumulated sediment in front and upstream of the intake to restore the channel that once existed there. This action will not only encourage water flow to the intake and fish ladder, but will also reduce sediment deposition over time and reduce need for intake maintenance.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal: WDFW Beaver Creek Hatchery Washington, Wahkiakum County;
Northwest ¼, Section 32, Township 09 North, Range 05 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are

invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **March 15, 2012**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 28, 2012

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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